

Committee Notes – Joint Meeting

Security Committee- Hollywood Entertainment District, Sunset and Vine BID

October 9, 2014

Cleo at The Redbury

Attendance: **HED Committee Members present:** Monica Yamada, Carol Massie, Derrick Malec. Not present: Chad Lewis. **SVBID Committee Members present:** Fabio Conti, Elizabeth McDonald. Not present: Anthony Bell. **Liaisons:** Joe Salazar, Mike Harkins, Bill Farrar, Steve Seyler, John Adams, Andrews International. Dan Haldan, Council District 13. Deputy Santiago Robles, LASD. SLO John Washington, LAPD. Staff: Kerry Morrison, Joe Mariani Jr., and Sarah Besley, Hollywood Property Owners Alliance. Guests: Frank Babich, My Friends Place, Spencer Downing, Nathan French and Alex Davis, The Center at Blessed Sacrament; Jose Aros and Gilbert Garcia, La Monarca.

- I. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Monica Yamada at 10:05 a.m
- II. Public Comment: Representatives from La Monarca, a business in the Sunset & Vine BID, brought to the attention of the committee some of the public safety concerns in and around their business. Staff and Andrews representatives agreed to meet with the stakeholders after the meeting.
- III. Meeting Notes: The committee reviewed the meeting notes from their September 11, 2014 meeting.
- IV. Reports

A. Report from Andrews International: Steve Seyler presented highlights from the report that was prepared for the period 9-8-14 through 10-5-14. In particular he noted that arrests are up by 98 at this point compared to last year, and arrests for drinking in public are up by 95. This continues to be a concern in the District. Calls for service are down by 208 and they have responded to a total of 3,869 calls so far this year. Homeless referrals are up by 485. He highlighted several notable stories of assisting individuals who were homeless in Hollywood, including a man for whom they bought shoes at the Goodwill, a family with two children, and another man who had a broken leg, recently released from a hospital. He was transported to the Free Clinic.

B. Report from LAPD: Senior Lead Officer Washington attended but had no specific report for this month. It was noted that a vacant property that had become a nuisance on Ivar (1650) was finally boarded up at the entrance, which discouraged squatters. There had been numerous complaints from citizens and residents about the people congregating at the entrance to the former Hollywood Spa.

C. Report from LA Sheriff's Department: Deputy Robles reported that there have been five robberies and two aggravated assaults at the Hollywood & Vine station last month. Further, a couple sheriff's deputies were assaulted on the Red Line.

D. Neighborhood Prosecutor: Jackie Lawson was unable to attend due to a court appearance. Kerry Morrison read from an email about a successful prosecution of two suspects who were posing as Mickey Mouse and Donald Duck, who assaulted another Mickey Mouse character.

E. Community Impact Team: Dan Haldan shared the minutes from the 9/24/14 meeting of the Community Impact Team. In particular, he reported about a productive meeting he had recently with My Friend's Place. He said there are 33 current stay away orders protecting the area around Hollywood & Highland right now. He also said that the PUC trained the CHP and LAPD on what is enforceable with respect to vehicles that operate with PUC licenses. This would impact tour busses and party busses.

V. New Business

A. “Homeless Interactions 101:” Representatives from The Center at Blessed Sacrament presented a new service being offered to businesses in the Hollywood community. The plan is to provide training to businesses and their employees about the nature of the homeless population in Hollywood and how to interact with people. The Center hopes to pilot this training with a few businesses to see how it goes, and then take it out on a broader scale. Both the LA Film School and McDonald’s volunteered to partake of the training.

B. Crime Free Multi Housing: Morrison reported that the property management company who is handling the new Eastown complex shared information about a law enforcement/apartment management partnership that exists in other cities, called Crime Free Multi Housing. It sounds like an interesting proposition for Hollywood given the influx in new apartments coming on line. Morrison will consult with LAPD to see if there is any interest.

C. Homewalk – Morrison passed out brochures because the annual Homewalk, which raises funds to end homelessness, is coming up on November 15.

VI. Old Business

A. Alcohol Task Force: Morrison reported that she and Dan Haldan are organizing a Focus Group with several property owners and businesses on October 28 to discuss the idea of establishing “donation stations” throughout the BID to encourage the collection of change for homeless services, and not to support panhandling.

B. Video Surveillance system: Joe Mariani reported that the repeater had been installed on top of the Kilroy Building, which will allow the access of three cameras. The system is very close to completion.

VII. Adjournment: There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.